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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your expression of confidence in this Agency in your year end letter is both an encouragement and a challenge to better performance in the days ahead.

The work of the Killian Committee has been a real help and I am looking forward to discussing their conclusions with you next Thursday. I am in accord with the objectives sought and by and large with the methods proposed. We may have a few procedural changes to suggest to accomplish what they have in mind.

In addition to what the Killian Committee proposes, I am anxious to improve our methods of getting important intelligence to the attention of the key recipients and if you approve, would welcome suggestions from those recipients at our Thursday's meeting. I would also welcome suggestions as to ways to make the NSC intelligence briefings more useful.

In a few days now I will have completed six years of work here and four years as Director of Central Intelligence, the longest tenure of any incumbent since the Agency was created on September 18, 1947. As we conclude our first ten years, I propose to make a thorough internal review of the progress made toward carrying out the tasks prescribed for the Agency by law and by NSC directive.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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